

Dear Colleague,

**RE: Applications for Admission to Founding Fellowship of the Faculty of Science**

On behalf of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia I am pleased to announce that applications are now open for Founding Fellowships of the Faculty of Science, RCPA.

On 10 December 2009, in an historic vote, the membership of the College agreed to the inception of The Faculty of Science under Article 57c of the Articles of Association. Earlier this year the First Faculty Committee was tasked with the establishment of the Faculty. This Committee is responsible for recommending to the RCPA Council, appointment of Founding Fellows from among the ranks of distinguished scientists and pathologists who have made significant contributions to science in pathology and who demonstrate a desire and commitment to promoting science in pathology through the College into the future. The Founding Fellows will form the basis of the new Faculty and will have the opportunity to nominate and vote for the Faculty Committee at the inaugural Annual General Meeting to be held in March 2011 at the Pathology Update in Melbourne.

Attached to this letter are the criteria to be used by the First Faculty Committee in considering Applications for Founding Fellowship, as well as an Application Form and Guide for Applicants. Successful admission to Fellowship will be accompanied by the ability to participate in many College activities, awarding of the post-nominal FFSc (RCPA) and will require payment of an Annual fee.

Founding Fellowships are available until 31 December 2011. Beyond this date, new criteria will be applied for application to FFSc (RCPA) which may require participation in College education and assessment programmes. The first round of applicants for Founding Fellowship will be considered for ratification at the RCPA Council Meeting in November 2010. In order to be considered in the first round, Applicants must have their completed applications to the College by **Friday 8 October 2010**. If you have any queries, regarding Founding Fellowship or the Faculty of Science, please contact Dr John Burnett, Chair, First Faculty Committee, Faculty of Science, RCPA via email at [john.burnett@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:john.burnett@health.wa.gov.au) or Prof Paul Waring, Vice-Chair, First Faculty Committee, Faculty of Science, RCPA via email at [pwarings@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:pwarings@unimelb.edu.au).

I am greatly looking forward to the contribution of the Faculty of Science to the College and to assisting the Founding Fellows in establishing a robust and flourishing Faculty. The opportunities for collaboration, training and professional development for all involved represent a positive step for the future of pathology in our region.

Yours sincerely



A/Prof Paul McKenzie  
**President**

## **Eligibility Criteria for Admission of Founding Fellows, Faculty of Science, RCPA**

Council approved the following Criteria for Admission of Founding Fellows (By-law 8):

1. Qualifications (By-law 7.1):
  - a) Fellowship of the College or possession of an MBBS, BSc or BAppSc, or equivalent undergraduate degrees, from a university recognised by Council  
**and**
  - b) Possession of a research doctoral degree (MD (Research), PhD, DSc), in a discipline of pathology, from a university recognised by Council  
**or**  
Fellowship, by examination, of a professional body recognised by Council (for example, FAACB, FAIMS, FASM, FHGSA).

### **AND**

2. Significant distinction and ongoing contribution and excellence in the science relating to pathology (By-law 8.2). It is expected that successful applicants would ordinarily demonstrate this by:
  - a) Publication of a substantial body of original scientific work in a discipline of pathology,  
**and at least one of the following**
  - b) Possession of a senior scientific leadership position or role within pathology,
  - c) Award of significant peer-reviewed grant funding for research into the science relating to pathology,
  - d) Evidence of innovation, such as a significant scientific discovery or invention of importance to the practice of pathology,
  - e) Significant involvement in teaching and training in pathology.

### **AND**

3. Place of work (By-law 7.1(1)(a)(i):  
Founding Fellows should be entitled to work as a pathologist or scientist in his or her country of domicile.
4. Nomination:  
Non-Fellows require nomination by two Fellows of the College.
5. Exemptions:  
Council, at its discretion, is able to award Founding Fellowships of the Faculty of Science to applicants who do not meet all of the above criteria.

**APPLICATION FOR FOUNDING FELLOWSHIP, FACULTY OF SCIENCE - 2010/2011  
GUIDE AND CHECKLIST**

**CHECKLIST**

**SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS:**

Please check that the following documentary evidence is attached so that your Application with the College can be processed.

	Office Use	
a) Covering letter addressing the eligibility criteria	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Certified copies of degrees, other qualifications and fellowships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) CV (including a list of publications)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Application Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Nominating letters from two Fellows of the College (if a non-Fellow)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- **Certified copies of the original certificates must be presented. Please do not send originals as the College cannot be held responsible for the custody or return of documents.**
- **Please ensure you have completed all relevant information required, incomplete applications will not be processed. Faxed applications will not be accepted.**

Please mail Applications in confidence to:

The Chairman  
First Faculty Committee  
Faculty of Science  
The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia  
Durham Hall  
207 Albion Street  
Surry Hills, NSW 2010

- Please note that the deadline for the first round of applications is COB on **Friday 8 October 2010.**

**PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

Any personal information you provide is strictly confidential to the College. However, in the course of considering your application, it may be necessary for the College to provide your contact details and information about your application to College committees and Fellows of the College who are involved with assessment of applicants. If the personal information is not provided to the College, the College may be unable to process your application, or to review and assess your application. The College will manage your personal information in accordance with its Privacy Policy. If you would like to access any information we hold about you or obtain a copy of our Privacy Policy please contact our Privacy Officer on + 61 2 8356 5858.

I agree to the use of my personal information as outlined above

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION AS A FOUNDING FELLOW, FACULTY OF SCIENCE (ARTICLE 57C)**

I hereby apply for admission as a Founding Fellow, Faculty of Science of The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia under the provisions of Article 57(C) and the bylaws pursuant to Article 57(C). If admitted, I agree to be bound by the Code of Ethics of the College and to comply with the Articles and By-laws of the College, as they may be applicable to Fellows of the Faculty of Science, RCPA.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Given Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (for correspondence): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code : \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (h): \_\_\_\_\_ (w): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male  Female

**PRIMARY QUALIFICATION**

Qualification	Year	Awarded by
_____	_____	_____

**ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

Qualification	Year	Awarded by
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**PLACE OF WORK**

I am a specialist pathologist or scientist entitled to work in \_\_\_\_\_, my country of domicile.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINEES (Non-Fellows only)**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Name in BLOCK LETTERS)  
of \_\_\_\_\_  
nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
for Founding Fellow of the Faculty of Science of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Name in BLOCK LETTERS)  
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nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_